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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Temica M. Beamer

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 April 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6 and 9 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 7, 8, 10-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Reassignment Affecting Application Location

1. The Art Unit location of your application in the USPTO has changed. To aid in correlating any papers for this application, all further correspondence regarding this application should be directed to Art Unit **2617**.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments filed 4/13/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Peters only discloses enabling a service to be executed within a particular coverage area offering the same service instead of allowing any of the service programs offered to be assigned to or be matched with any area within a service coverage without restricting any of the service programs to a particular area.

Although this may be true, the newly added limitation of "any" area does not exclude a defined area. Therefore, the Peters still reads on the invention and the rejection is set forth below.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States

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only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 5, 7, 8 and 10-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Peters et al (Peters), U.S. Patent No. 6,397,072.

Regarding claims 5, 8, 11 and 13 Peters discloses a storage device storing freely settable area information within a service coverage area and a selectable service program, the area information corresponding to an area within a service coverage area and selectable service programs (col. 7, lines 30-42, col. 8, lines 16-32); a communication device receiving position information of a mobile station (col. 8, lines 4-7); a decision device for determining/detecting whether a position represented by the position information of the mobile station is included in the defined area corresponding to any one of the selectable service programs (col. 8, lines 50-56); and an execution device executing/providing the said any one of the selectable service programs corresponding to the area information to provide a service to the mobile station within the service coverage area when the position is included in the area (col. 9, lines 14-26).

Regarding claims 7 and 10, Peters discloses retrieving a specified selectable service program and area information which is stored corresponding to the specified selectable service program from a storage device storing a plurality of pieces of freely settable area information within a service coverage area and a plurality of selectable service programs for respective different services, each piece of area information corresponding to each selectable service program (col. 2, line 60-col. 3, line 5); deciding whether a position of a mobile station is included in an area represented by the retrieved area information (col. 3, lines 24-33, col. 8, lines 50-56); and executing the

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retrieved selectable service program to provide a service to the mobile station when the position is included in the area (col. 9, lines 14-26).

Regarding claim 12, Peters discloses linking area information within a service coverage area to the selectable service program (col. 2, line 65-col. 3, line 10); and providing the selectable service program to the mobile station (col. 8, lines 50-59); and providing the selectable service program to the mobile station upon determining that the received position information of the mobile station corresponds to the linked area information within the service coverage area of the selectable service program (col. 9, lines 18-26).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-4, 6 and 9 are allowed.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Temica M. Beamer whose telephone number is (571) 272-7797. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday (alternate Fridays) 7:00am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold can be reached on (571) 272-7905. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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